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Filing Date: 03/27/01  
Applicant: Richard J. Ditzik  
Title: Portable Electronic Units Including Notebook Computers, PDAs and Battery  
Operated Units.

Examiner: Urban, Edward Art Unit 2683

Date: March XX, 2001

Preliminary Amendment  
with  
Divisional Application Under CFR § 1.53(b)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Filed herein is a continuation divisional application whose entire disclosure is Ser. Nr.

~~08/832,923, filed 04/04/97,~~ which is hereby incorporated by reference. This statement is also placed as first sentence of reprinted reformatted specification filed herein. ~~In a divisional application Nr. 09/391,966,~~ examiner made a restriction in three groups (paper 8). Applicant herein chooses Group III – “Claims 13- 18 and 26-30 drawn to a modular portable computer, classified in class 361, subclass 683”; with traverse. ~~Claims 1-12 were previously cancelled.~~

Filed herein is a *reprinted reformatted* application of the parent application 08/832,923 filed 04/04/97, which issued as 5,983,073, This instant Amended includes former and new amendments. **No new matter added.**